

## FARM WORK FOR CONVICTS PLAN

BILL PROPOSES THAT STATE SHALL LEASE LAND FOR TWO YEARS' TRIAL

## LOBBY INVESTIGATION IS ON

Altercation Between Attorneys Supplies Exciting Incident at Hearing of Charges Against Judge Sampson—Manning Announces For Vacant Seat in House.

(By Ernest W. Helm.)

Frankfort, Ky.—Land near the Frankfort Reformatory and the Eddyville penitentiary will be leased for a term of two years, with an option of purchase, should the 1916 general assembly see fit to appropriate the money, if a bill prepared by Attorney General Gannett is passed. The act is intended to provide for the employment on state farms of prisoners unfit for shop work or not under contract. The bill requires that before the land is leased the terms must be approved by the State Sinking Fund Commission. It also provides that an itemized account of all expenses connected with the farms, the number of days the prisoners work and the guards and other employees work on the farm, is to be kept, and options of purchase are to be taken on the land. Thus all information as to the cost of maintaining the farms, with two years in which to demonstrate how valuable they may be to the state, will be laid before the 1916 session, which may then decide to purchase prison farms or abandon the idea.

### Investigation of Lobbies Begun.

Under the resolution introduced by Representative Ray, of Shelby, which was adopted, a committee of seven is proceeding with an investigation of lobbyists gathered at Frankfort, endeavoring to ascertain their business and their aims.

### Altercation Between Lawyers.

Attorney S. W. Wilson, of Lexington, representing the complainants in the inquiry looking to the impeachment of Judge Flen D. Sampson, of the Thirty-fourth Judicial district, struck Sawyer Smith, of Barbourville, attorney for the defense, in the face during the hearing before the House Impeachment Committee when the latter accused him of offering a certain letter for an "improper purpose." Smith attempted to retaliate in kind, but bystanders interfered. Both men were fined.

### Aspires To Vacant Chair.

Dr. B. E. Manning, of Mt. Sterling, who was defeated for representative by Samuel Turley, has announced his candidacy to fill the vacancy caused by the latter's death. The election will be held February 4.

### New Senate Bills.

Webster Helm—To amend the criminal code relating to testimony in certain cases—Courts and Legal Procedure.  
Webster Helm—To amend act relating to marriage ceremony—Judiciary.  
S. L. Robertson—Act to regulate itinerant merchants, requiring them to pay a special license—Kentucky Statutes.  
T. E. Bagby—To amend fish and game law—Fish, Game and Forestry.  
S. L. Marshall—To regulate construction of streets in cities of third class—Municipalities.  
J. T. Tunis—To regulate tenure of office in cities of second class—Municipalities.  
M. Vincent—Act to further regulate appeal to court of appeals—Courts and Legal Procedure.  
M. Vincent—To enable pupils who quit any school before term ends to recover proportionate part of tuition—Education.  
R. Antie—To allow counties to buy and maintain bloodhounds—Military Affairs.  
C. F. Montgomery—To prohibit officials in attorney general's office, commonwealth's or county attorneys from accepting employment with public service corporations—Judiciary.  
J. F. Ford—To prevent public officers from accepting free service from public service corporations—Propositions and Grievances.  
R. H. Scott—To require employers to pay wages at least every fifteen days—Immigration and Labor.  
J. F. Bosworth—Creating board to censor motion pictures—Judiciary.  
S. R. Glenn—To prevent corrupt practices in elections—Judiciary.  
J. T. Tunis—Act to prevent blindness—Kentucky Statutes.  
J. F. Ford—Act to provide for stenographer in examining trials and to grand juries in felony cases—Courts and Legal Procedure.  
Webster Helm—Act to exempt state warrants from taxation—Revenue and Taxation.  
Webster Helm—Act to further regulate salaries of employees of public institutions receiving money from the state—Appropriations.  
W. F. Welch—Act making it unlawful to use abusive or profane language over a telephone—Kentucky Statutes.  
C. H. Knight—Act to appropriate \$11,000 to Kentucky Institute for the Blind, at Louisville, the sum of \$8,000 to be applied to an indebtedness and the remainder to be spent for a new hearing plant and other improvements—Appropriations.  
J. Will Clay—Act to punish persons for jumping on or off moving trains—Common Carriers and Commerce.  
C. D. Arnett—Act to provide for the payment of rewards for the killing of chickenhawk—Appropriations.  
C. D. Arnett—Act to increase hunters' license from \$1 to \$1.50—Fish, Game and Forestry.  
J. H. Williams—Act to provide for the reporting to the Commissioner of Agriculture, Labor and Statistics of certain industrial accidents and fixing penalties for failure to do so—Immigration, Labor and Manufacturing.  
H. M. Brock—To prevent corrupt practices in primary and regular elections—Judiciary.  
H. M. Brock—To require corporations to have agents in every county in this state in which they do business, on whom legal processes may be served—Judiciary.  
R. M. Salmon—To punish persons circulating derogatory statements affecting any bank, savings bank or trust company—Kentucky Statutes.

## SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE



Hon. Claude C. Terrell, representative in the general assembly from Trimble county, is maintaining an enviable public service record as speaker of the house.

W. B. Moody—To increase jurisdiction of County Judges and Magistrates in criminal cases—Courts and Legal Procedure.

R. H. Scott—To prevent strikes and lockouts in mines and other public utilities. It authorizes the Governor to appoint a Board of Arbitration upon application of either party to a labor dispute—Mines and Mining.

W. B. Moody—To increase jurisdiction of County Courts in civil cases up to \$500, and to limit appeals from Quarterly Courts to cases over \$50—Courts and Legal Procedure.

J. G. Saunders—To provide for a collector of school tax in counties where none exists or failed to qualify. It affects Taylor county—Claims.

C. F. Montgomery—To change time of holding court in the Twenty-ninth Judicial district. It affects Casey county—Judicial Districts and Reapportionment.

W. B. Moody (by request)—Act to increase the fees of County Judges and Clerks in making and recording settlements of estates of deceased persons—Kentucky Statutes.

J. H. Williams—To set aside and designate certain rooms in the Capitol for the exclusive use of members of the General Assembly—Public Buildings and Monuments.

### New House Bills.

F. C. Greene—Act to amend Section 6, Chapter I, Kentucky Statutes—Judiciary.  
Lilburn Phelps—Authorizing the courts of the several counties to purchase and maintain bloodhounds—County and City Courts.

J. T. Webb—To revise primary election law so candidates will not be required to secure signatures of electors to petition in order to get on ballot—Judiciary and Elections.

W. A. Perry—Act to amend act pertaining to annuities for school teachers in cities of first class, permitting board of education to appropriate 1 per cent of school revenue from city taxes to that purpose—Municipalities.

W. A. Perry—Act levying a tax to pay claims arising under act entitled "Act granting pensions to indigent and disabled Confederate soldiers"—Confederate Home.

W. A. Price—Act to amend Section 6 of the act to compel attendance upon public schools—Municipalities.

W. A. Price—Act to amend act relating to husband and wife—Kentucky Statutes.

P. White—To regulate sale of agricultural and other seeds—Agriculture.

S. H. Rogers—Providing penalty for stealing a growing crop or any part thereof—Criminal Law.

S. F. Reed—To further regulate corporations having capital stock—Corporate Institutions.

W. J. Kuh—To prohibit sale of or trafficking in bottles, siphons, boxes and other sorts of containers branded with brand of manufacturer or seller of contents thereof—Criminal Law.

R. B. Hutchcraft—To regulate further the issuing of marriage licenses in interest of eugenics—Kentucky Statutes.

J. C. Duffy—To amend act relating to revenue and taxation—Revenue and Taxation.

T. R. Jones—Relating to certification of teachers and inspection and accrediting of Kentucky institutions of higher learning by state board of education, and providing for recognition of certificates from other states by reciprocity—Education No.

M. O. Wilson—To amend act entitled "Act for protection of game and fish"—Fish and Game.

R. B. Hutchcraft—Authorizing rewards for killing chickenhawk—Agriculture.

F. C. Greene—Act to amend act relating to fire, lightning, hail, wind, and hail, sprinkler leakage insurance—Insurance, Fire and Marine.

John Drescher—Appropriating \$125 for repairs of property of the state—Public Monuments and Historical Records.

M. J. Harris—To appropriate \$3,000 to enable the Commissioners of the Perryville Confederate monument to purchase additional ground—Public Monuments and Historical Records.

John C. Duffy—Act to amend acts of 1913 assigning cities and towns to class of cities—Classification of Cities and Towns.

J. W. Douglas—To provide for return of tuition to pupils from commercial and business schools and colleges and business universities—State University and Normal Schools.

J. T. Webb—To repeal and re-enact subsection 2 of Section 532, Title 13, Chapter 3, Article 2 of Civil Code of Practice authorizing trial of equity cases by oral testimony—Codes of Practice.

J. T. Webb—To amend Civil Code of Practice and regulating suits against decedent estates—Codes of Practice.

M. S. Walton—Making it unlawful for certain officers to accept free or reduced rates from public service corporations—Public Utilities.

W. A. Price—Limiting number of cars to a train—Railroads.

W. A. Price—Act to amend act creating Boards of Education for cities of second class and providing for election thereof—Municipalities.

W. A. Price—Authorizing Boards of Education in cities of second class to create fund for protection against fire and other casualties—Municipalities.

Elwood Hamilton—To regulate admission of attorneys to practice law—Judiciary.

J. E. Newman—To amend act to further regulate the Bureau of Agriculture, Labor and Statistics—Agriculture, Labor and Statistics.

E. V. Hall—To amend Kentucky statutes relating to the powers of City Council of cities of fifth class—Cities of Fifth and Sixth Class.

A. W. Sharp—Act to amend Kentucky statutes relating to rates of toll over bridges crossing streams—Public Bridges.

R. B. Hutchcraft—Providing for payment of salary of probation officer in counties having population over 30,000—Cities of Fourth Class.

J. F. Fryer—Requiring counties to furnish their own veterinary surgeons—Agriculture.

H. J. Meyers—To regulate license and govern use of motor vehicles—Public Roads and Highways.

E. D. Stone—To amend act relating to sheep industry and providing for a tax on dogs—Agriculture.

A. W. Sharp—Act to amend vital statistics law—Public Health.

R. B. Hutchcraft—Act fixing jurisdiction of County Judges in criminal cases—Criminal Law.

R. B. Hutchcraft—Amending Section 1061, Kentucky Statutes, fixing jurisdiction of quarterly courts and regulating appeals in civil cases—County and City Courts.

R. B. Hutchcraft—Amending act creating and establishing Board of Commissioners to be known as State Board of Control of charitable institutions—Charitable Institutions.

M. S. Walton—Imposing further duties upon State and county and city Boards of Health, physicians and others in regard to prevention of blindness—Public Health.

Adam Spahn—Promoting physical education in schools of cities of first and second class—Municipalities.

Adam Spahn—Concerning Public who are stockholders, directors, officers or employees of banks or other corporations—Banks and Banking.

Adam Spahn—Making it unlawful to haul load exceeding two tons in weight on turnpike or road with tire less than 3 1/2 inches—Public Roads.

S. F. Reed—Creating "Kentucky Military Commission"—Education No. 1.

H. H. Hays—Requiring boots or shoes made or offered for sale in certain parts of substitutes for leather be stamped—Judiciary.

J. I. Myers—Prohibiting employment by State of nonresidents of State—Judiciary.

J. J. Huff—Requiring corporations to have agents upon whom process may be served—Corporate Institutions.

J. C. Lay—Regulating signing of notes or bonds as surety by husband and wife—Kentucky Statutes.

Adam Spahn—Providing for the licensing of certain classes of temporary or transient merchants doing business in State, County and City Courts.

### Illiteracy Commission Is Proposed.

The Committee on Statutes has before it for recommendation what is pronounced one of the most important matters of legislation that will be considered by the assembly at this session. The bill, which was read and referred in both branches, is styled the "Kentucky Illiteracy Commission Act," and among sponsors is Mrs. Cora Wilson Stewart, of Morehead, author of the moonlight schools for adults in the mountains. The measure provides for the creation of a commission to be appointed by the governor. Members are to receive no pay for service, but their necessary expenses in gathering data are to be defrayed by the state.

### Taxing Intangible Property.

At the meeting of the joint revenue and taxation committee, Commissioner of Agriculture J. W. Newman, speaking for the farmers, said they would consider with disfavor any tax matter that did not equalize the burden of taxation by bringing out the intangible property.

### Cut For Normal School.

In the senate the "Probe" committee submitted a report recommending that the annual appropriation for the Eastern Kentucky Normal School be reduced from \$75,000 to \$50,000; that the school farm be disposed of, and that the teaching of agriculture be discontinued. The report was referred to the senate committee on appropriations.

### First Bill Past Post.

M. S. Walton, of Lexington, bears the distinction of having offered the first bill to pass the house, that aimed at the practice of writing "cold" checks. It was drafted by the Credit Men's Association of Kentucky and was passed by the vote of 65 to 7.

## STATE CAPITAL NOTES

A petition from Lincoln county urged the passage of a bill for the guarantee of bank deposits.

Representative Phelps introduced a bill which, if passed, will authorize fiscal courts to purchase bloodhounds.

A bill to abolish the office of special attorney to the State Insurance Board was introduced by Representative Sauley.

There was no decrease in attendance at the first Saturday session of the House, and eighteen bills were introduced.

N. C. Tilford was sworn in as representative of Grayson county to take the place of Yeatman Watkins, who was unseated.

The prison commission extended the contract with the Kentucky broom works at Eddyville from 75 to 100 men at 75 cents per day.

Attorney T. A. McDonald, of Louisville, was disbarred from practicing law in Kentucky by the appellate court. Unprofessional conduct in a divorce case was alleged.

Gov. McCreary appointed L. C. Jones magistrate in the Murray district of Calloway county, and T. J. Robb, police judge of Fancy Farm, Graves county.

The disensions existing in the board of visitors of the Kentucky Institute for the Blind at Louisville were aired before the Senate Special "Probe" Committee.

Gov. McCreary has asked Gov. Cox to pardon "Steve" Taylor, colored, serving a life sentence in the Ohio penitentiary, who is a son of the old colored "mammy" who nursed the Kentucky chief executive.

A petition from citizens of Christian county asked the senate to vote for the Frost bill to amend the county unit law so as to require the petition of only 25 per cent of the citizens to call a local option election.

Following the lead of Pennsylvania, whose alien law has been declared constitutional by the supreme court of the United States, Executive Agent J. Q. Ward, of the game and fish commission, will submit to the general assembly a bill prohibiting an alien taking out a hunting license or bearing firearms.

If substitutes for leather are used in shoes, what substitutes are used must be stamped upon the shoes or boots, is provided for in a measure offered by Representative Hays.

## RAILROAD TAPS RICH TERRITORY

IMMENSE POSSIBILITIES ATTEND DEVELOPMENT ALONG NORTH FORK OF KENTUCKY.

## NEW TOWNS SPRINGING UP

Heavy Reserve Supply Leads Distillers To Decide Upon a Limited Production—Suit for 30,000 Acres of Land in Rowan County Is Filed.

Western Newspaper Union News Service.

Jackson, Ky.—The railroad extension along the North Fork of the Kentucky river is opening up a virgin coal field of immense possibilities. No expense has been spared in building this new track in eliminating curves and cutting down grades, so as to make it possible to haul heavy loads at a minimum cost. The region is growing in population in a remarkable way. There are half a dozen towns along this new line, where a year ago there were only cornfields. The coal is thick and easily mined.

### DISTILLERS LIMIT OUTPUT.

Covington, Ky.—A reduction in the production of straight whisky this year has been decided on by distillers. According to a local distiller there is an overproduction in Kentucky of some 40,000,000 gallons. To continue production at the same rate would increase this already great reserve stock. As a matter of self-protection, distillers claim, it is necessary to put the brakes on.

### SUIT FOR BIG LAND TRACT.

Frankfort, Ky.—Suit was filed in the federal court by Charles H. Stevens, Jr., of Cincinnati, against Will Stegall and others, to recover possession of 30,000 acres of land in Rowan county.

### SUITS AGAINST RAILROADS.

Covington, Ky.—Suits were instituted in the United States court against several railroad companies operating in Kentucky. The L. & N. C. & O., L. C. N. O. & T. P. and the Eastern Kentucky railroad companies are charged with operating cars on which the coupling or other equipment or mechanism were out of repair.

### MOUNTAIN LAND GOING UP.

Whitesburg, Ky.—As appeal has been taken by John Bentley in the right-of-way proceedings of the Lexington & Eastern Railroad Co. in which he was allowed \$19,700. Bentley says that last year he refused \$50,000 for the property, consisting of about one acre in the town of Neon.

### MRS. ROBERTS RESISTS SUIT.

Lexington, Ky.—Mrs. Anna Trout Roberts will resist the suit filed in the federal court at Frankfort by Harwell, Cannon & McCarty, newspaper brokers, of New York, claiming a commission of \$5,500 as the result of the recent sale of the Lexington Leader.

### PASTOR GOES TO ENGLAND.

Augusta, Ky.—Rev. Albert Hales, who resigned as pastor of the Augusta Christian church, December 21, has accepted a call to preach for a Christian church in Liverpool, England.

### FATALLY SHOTS PLAYMATE.

Lagrange, Ky.—Robert Olson, 13, was accidentally shot and fatally wounded by Bruce Starky, 14. They were playing with a gun which was believed not to be loaded.

### SHELBY FARM SELLS HIGH.

Shelbyville, Ky.—Mrs. Joseph Allen and her sister, Miss Anna Harrington, have sold their farm on the Bellevue pike to O. D. Rowlett for \$130 an acre.

### DISTRICT ODD FELLOWS' MEET.

Paris, Ky.—The district meeting of the grand lodge of Odd Fellows of the Seventh district will be held in this city on February 9.

### ACCEPTS MT. STERLING CALL.

Mt. Sterling, Ky.—Rev. J. S. Wilson, pastor of a Baptist church at Lagrange, has accepted the call to the pastorate of the Baptist church here.

### PERCHERON IS SOLD FOR \$450.

Georgetown, Ky.—W. B. Anderson, of Scott county, has sold a bay Percheron stallion to W. F. Stephens, of Williamstown, for \$450.

### DAMAGE SUIT COMPROMISED.

Mt. Sterling, Ky.—The Chesapeake & Ohio Railroad Co. compromised the \$50,000 damage suit filed against it by Judge G. Allen McCormick and A. S. Hart, administrator of Florence McCormick, for injuries received by the former and the death of his daughter.

### THEATER SUFFERS FIRE LOSS.

Paris, Ky.—The Columbia theater was damaged by fire to the extent of \$5,000. The origin is unknown.

## CUMBERLAND'S NEEDS URGED.

Somerset, Ky.—Great interest is manifested in this section of Kentucky over efforts that are being made in Washington to have immediate improvement of the Cumberland river authorized. Congressman from the state have joined efforts in urging this work, the argument by Representative A. W. Barkley before the House Rivers and Harbors Committee being the last encouragement to be received by champions of the project in this section.

Execution of plans for the improvement of the Cumberland will introduce a new era of development over a wide area.

### DAMAGE JUDGMENT UPHELD.

Ashland, Ky.—Notice has been received that the supreme court of the United States affirmed with costs the judgment of the lower court in the case of the Chesapeake & Ohio Railway Co., plaintiff in error, against L. B. Cocknell, administrator, defendant in error, involving \$25,000 damages for the death of Mrs. Cecelia Banks in Ashland, in April, 1907, by being run over by a train.

### REARRESTED AFTER PARDON.

Louisville, Ky.—W. G. Andrews, for years prominent as a choir singer in Louisville churches, who has been serving a sentence of one year in jail, was pardoned by Gov. McCreary, but while he was packing up his belongings a deputy United States marshal rearrested him on a warrant sworn out by federal officers, charging him with having represented himself as a government white slave officer.

### CHURCH ADDITION DEDICATED.

Versailles, Ky.—The Rout memorial addition to the Presbyterian church was formally dedicated. The new building, costing approximately \$7,000, includes a Sunday-school assembly room, a number of class rooms, pastor's study, a women's parlor, kitchen, etc. The assembly room and women's parlor contain eight art glass memorial windows.

### EXTENSION OF SCHOOL TERM.

Frankfort, Ky.—The state department of education is making out the rolls for the final distribution of the state school fund for the present year, which will be sent out February 1. There will be sufficient surplus in the fund, Superintendent Hamlett said, to warrant the extension of the school term.

### TEST WELLS BEING BORED.

Whitesburg, Ky.—Representatives of the New Dominion Oil & Gas Co. have been along the southern border of Letcher county for several days leasing land for oil drilling purposes. In Perry county the company has leased thousands of acres and is already drilling test holes.

### NEW BRIDGE AND MORE TRACK.

Ashland, Ky.—At a meeting of the newly incorporated Tug River & Kentucky railroad officers were elected and the stockholders directed that the building of a bridge across Tug river and the construction of 17 miles of road be taken up at once.

### CAMPAIGN FOR A HOSPITAL.

Carlisle, Ky.—Edward Sapp, a representative of the tuberculosis commission, is here conducting a campaign for the erection of a tuberculosis hospital in Nicholas county.

### LUMBER BUSINESS IS SOLD.

Paris, Ky.—Peale Collier, of Millersburg, has bought the interests of the late T. H. Farr from his widow and that of James H. Stivers in the Bourbon Lumber Company.

### A NEW MOUNTAIN MISSION.

Whitesburg, Ky.—The new mountain mission school at Blackey, Letcher county, founded by the Rev. Edward O. Guerrant, will open its first session February 3.

### FARM ASSESSMENTS RAISED.

Versailles, Ky.—The board of tax supervisors for Woodford county made a large number of increases in assessments, especially on farm lands and distilleries.

### STRICKEN ON WEDDING TRIP.

Hopkinsville, Ky.—While on his wedding trip, Thomas P. Johnson, of this county, was stricken with appendicitis at St. Augustine, Fla.

### EX-REPRESENTATIVE DEAD.

Lexington, Ky.—John S. Owsley, 73 years old, who represented Lincoln county in the legislature of 1878, died at his home in this city.

### VACCINATION IS COMPULSORY.

Winchester, Ky.—At a joint meeting of the city and county health boards it was decided that every negro in the city and county and all men employed by the railroad construction camps must submit to vaccination.

### ASSESSMENTS ARE INCREASED.

Lexington, Ky.—The Fayette county board of equalization completed its task of assessments by making raises aggregating about \$140,000.

## OVER THE STATE

John C. Moreland sold his seventy-five-acre farm in Scott county to A. K. Hawkins for \$14,000.

Rev. J. B. Brooks, of St. Louis, has been called to the pastorate of Edmonston, Liberty and Beech Grove Baptist churches.

The high school and places of amusement of Flemingsburg were closed on account of scarlatina and diphtheria.

Of 5,035 white children in the Louisville public schools examined for trachoma, 116 positive cases were found and 63 uncertain.

G. T. Wineman, former town marshal of Campton, was tried on two charges of selling whisky without a license, and was fined \$120.

Cumberland and Barren rivers are lower at this season than for any like period in their history. Lumber, staves and merchandise are tied up.

Former Senator Jo C. S. Blackburn and Mrs. Blackburn, of Versailles, have gone to Washington City, where they will spend the remainder of the winter.

Representative William J. Fields recommended the appointment of Gilbert Adams to be postmaster at Flemingsburg, Fleming county, to succeed William H. Harrison.

John F. Price, an old and prominent citizen of Lexington, who had made a handsome fortune and gained a wide reputation in the manufacture of sausage, died after an illness of four weeks.

### NUCLEUS OF DEER PRESERVE.

Pineville, Ky.—The Bell County Game and Fish Protectors' association at a meeting at which 150 members were present, made arrangements to receive 20 deer, which will be shipped from Wisconsin, these being the deer which were given to the state game and fish commission by the government to be placed upon the preserve established on the south side of Pine mountain.

### RAILROAD SURVEY IS ASKED.

Shelbyville, Ky.—Lewis H. Gregg, the new county superintendent of schools, has notified County Judge Gilbert that in his opinion the railroads are not reporting their full mileage for taxation in the districts where a local tax for school purposes is levied. He asks that a survey be made.